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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 57: Eradication of poverty and other development issues (*continued*)

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.39)

Draft resolution on the role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

1. **Mr. Le Roux** (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.39 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Industrial development cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.40)

Draft resolution on industrial cooperation

2. **Mr. Le Roux** (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.40 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Agenda item 59: Training and research (*continued*)

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (*continued*)

Draft decision (A/C.2/61/L.38)

3. **Ms. Pliner** (Secretary of the Committee) pointed out that document A/C.2/61/L.38 was a draft decision, not a draft resolution. Accordingly, the required technical corrections would be made and the document would be reissued.

4. **Mr. Le Roux** (South Africa) introduced draft decision A/C.2/61/L.38 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and urged its adoption.

Agenda item 69 : Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (*continued*)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.43)

Draft resolution on special economic assistance to Côte d'Ivoire

5. **Mr. Buende** (Namibia), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.43 on behalf of the Group of African States, said that the dumping of more than 500 tons of toxic waste of still unknown origin in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, in August 2006 constituted a serious violation of human rights tantamount to a crime against humanity, and was a gross violation of international conventions and regulations on toxic waste management. The African Group highly appreciated the efforts of the European Union to identify the perpetrator and pledged to work with all concerned individuals and entities to ensure that the perpetrator was brought to justice. The sponsors encouraged other delegations to support the draft resolution.

Agenda item 53: Sustainable development (*continued*)

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.18 and A/C.2/61/L.42)

Draft resolution on follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

6. **The Chairperson** drew attention to draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.42, which had been submitted by Mr. Fonseca Filho, Vice-Chairman, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.18.

7. **Ms. Pliner** (Secretary of the Committee), said that she wished to read out the statement of programme budget implications arising from draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.42 on behalf of the Programme Planning and Budget Division. The statement was also being circulated to the members of the Committee at the meeting.

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, provision had been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for implementing the resolution. Therefore, should the Second Committee adopt draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.42, there would be no requirement for additional provisions.

Requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

9. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the General Assembly had reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and had reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

10. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.42 was adopted.*

11. **Mr. Niño** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) reaffirmed his delegation's strong support for the full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

12. However, paragraphs 26 and 27 of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States referred to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which his country was not a party. Venezuela considered that it was not subject to the provisions of that Convention under international customary law, with the exception of those it had expressly incorporated into its domestic legislation, and that it therefore was not bound by paragraphs 26 and 27 of the Strategy.

13. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.18 was withdrawn.*

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.28 and A/C.2/61/L.44)

Draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability

14. **The Chairperson** informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.44, submitted by Mr. Fonseca Filho, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.28, had no programme budget implications.

15. **Mr. Fonseca Filho** (Brazil), Vice-Chairman, recommended that the Committee should adopt the draft resolution by consensus.

16. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.44 was adopted.*

17. **Mr. Snowden** (United States of America), speaking in explanation of position, said that his country was deeply committed to disaster reduction and had joined in the consensus on the draft resolution in order to show its support for the concept of disaster reduction, including programmes and efforts to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards.

18. However, his delegation remained concerned about any resolutions or language regarding an increase in the frequency of natural hazards. It saw no objective evidence of such an increase to support the language in the tenth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution and none had been provided during the negotiations on the text. Such language in any context must be justified year by year in order to be effective and to accurately reflect the situation. His delegation intended to raise the issue at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly.

19. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.28 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 58: Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system (*continued*) (A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

20. **The Chairperson** informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1 had no programme budget implications.

21. **Mr. Gerus** (Belarus), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1 on behalf of the sponsors, said that it reflected the consensus reached in informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32. The major objective was to provide the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) with a clear political message of support from the General Assembly.

22. Subsequent to the issuance of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1 the following delegations had joined the list of sponsors: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Dominica, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, the Federated States of Micronesia, Gabon, the

Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, the Sudan, Tajikistan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

23. The draft resolution was the only one that had been introduced under the agenda item on operational activities for development. The sponsors requested the Rapporteur of the Committee and the Secretariat to prepare the report of the Committee on the item as soon as possible and transmit it to the General Assembly as a matter of priority so that the General Assembly would be able to adopt the draft resolution in time to hold a meeting in December commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of UNICEF, as called for in paragraph 5.

24. *Draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1 was adopted.*

25. **The Chairperson** said that, if she heard no objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2004 contained in document A/61/77-E/2006/59 and of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women contained in document A/61/292.

26. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.